

FARAD CONTINUATION SHEET NO.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.68 OF 2006

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of Coram, appearance, Court's
orders or directions and
Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr.A.M.Sarogi for the Petitioner.
Mr.P.S.Hingorani,APP. for the State.

CORAM : R.S. MOHITE, J.
DATED : FEBRUARY 6, 2006.

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1. The matter which is on the provisional board is mentioned at 3.00p.m. and taken up for hearing in view of the urgency.

2. Heard.

3. Rule. By consent, rule made returnable forthwith.

4. The petitioner is the mother of a girl by name Ganga Salat. The petitioner had earlier applied in the court of Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, 37th Esplanade Court for custody of the minor girl who was

victim of an alleged offence under Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act. The application was disallowed on the ground that victim girl was minor. The By the impugned order, the Magistrate directed that the victim be sent to Child Welfare Committee at Deonar. In the petition, it is alleged that the girl is major and that she is an unfortunate victim and therefore, she is required to be returned to her mother. On 20.1.2006, the A.P.P. had sought time to verify whether the petitioner was minor and to ascertain her wishes about staying with the petitioner. The A.P.P. states that the statement of the girl has been recorded. On one occasion she had run away from the aforesaid home but she was brought back by the authorities. He further states that she has given her age as 23 years and she has no objection about staying with the petitioner. In the circumstances, rule is made absolute in terms of prayer clause (a). Petition stands disposed

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(R. S. MOHITE, J.)